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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. FORMER ACDA OFFICIAL DAVID LINEBAUGH, NOW VISITING
SCHOLAR AT BROOKINGS, SUGGESTED IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
ARTICLE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER PICK UP IDEA FIRST ADVANCED
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BY SENATOR HENRY JACKSON IN MARCH 1975. JACKSON PROPOSED
THAT U.S. AND USSR REDUCE THEIR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DELIVERY
SYSTEMS BY AGREEING NOT TO MODERNIZE OR REPLACE GIVEN
NUMBER. THESE WEAPONS WOULD IN TIME BECOME OBSOLETE AND
WOULD BECOME PRIME CANDIDATES FOR REDUCTIONS, LINEBAUGH
SAID. IN INFORMAL AND UNOFFICIAL CONVERSATIONS IN NOVEMBER,
1976, SOVIETS REACTED FAVORABLY TO THIS IDEA, HE POINTED

OUT. HE SAID CARTER COULD PROPOSE THAT U.S. AND USSR AGREE NOW, EVEN BEFORE CONCLUSION OF SALT TWO NEGOTIATIONS, NOT TO MODERNIZE OR REPLACE, SAY 500 OF THEIR STRATEGIC DELIVERY SYSTEMS. "NEGOTIATION OF PHASING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE DELIVERY VEHICLES -- MINUTEMAN MISSILES IN CASE OF U.S. -- WOULD THEN BE ON AGENDA FOR SALT THREE. THUS PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD HAVE MADE SALT NEGOTIATION ABOUT FEWER WEAPONS RATHER THAN NEGOTIATION ABOUT MORE WEAPONS."

2. ANDREI AMALRIK, RUSSIAN DISSIDENT HISTORIAN, WRITING IN BALTIMORE SUN, CITED "TWO DANGEROUS ELEMENTS IN CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO USSR." HE SAID FIRST IS IGNORANCE OR MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN SOVIET UNION. HE TERMED IT SURPRISING THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BASE ITS POLICY ON CALCULATION THAT BREZHNEV WILL LAST UNTIL SIGNING OF NEW SALT AGREEMENT. "THIS IS JUST AS NAIVE AS HOPING THAT MR. BREZHNEV WILL BE ABLE TO NAME HIS SUCCESSOR," AMALRIK SAID. "EVEN MORE SURPRISING IS FACT THAT ASSESSMENT OF MR. BREZHNEV BY SOME OF AMERICA'S LEADING SOVIET EXPERTS, SUCH AS AVERELL HARRIMAN AND GEORGE KENNAN, IS NOT VERY DIFFERENT FROM ECSTATIC COMMENTS MUHAMMAD ALI MADE DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW....IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT ATTEMPT TO REVIVE STALINISM, DETERIORATION OF SOVIET LIVING STANDARD, UNPRECEDENTED ARMS GROWTH, INCREASED REPRESSION, INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND SOVIET EXPANSION IN AFRICA ARE ALL LINKED WITH NAME UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THIS 'MAN OF PEACE.'" AMALRIK SAID "RAPID SHIFT IN DECISIONS IS SECOND DANGEROUS ELEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S APPROACH TO USSR. ON HEELS OF FIRM STATEMENT BY ADMINISTRATION COMES CLARIFICATION THAT IT NEED NOT BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY; AFTER WARNING COMES QUALIFICATION THAT IT WILL NOT AFFECT RELATIONS. POLICY OF WAVERING BOTH IRRITATES SOVIET LEADERSHIP AND LESSENS FAITH IN RELIABILITY OF MR. CARTER AS PARTNER." AMALRIK, WHO SERVED SOVIET LABOR CAMP SENTENCE AND TERM OF ENFORCED EXILE, NOW LIVES IN U.S.

3. MARY RUSSELL OF WASHINGTON POST SAID CLOSE VOTE IS EXPECTED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TODAY ON LIFTING EMBARGO OF ARMS TO TURKEY. LAST MINUTE EFFORTS OF MAJORITY LEADER JIM WRIGHT TO WORK OUT COMPROMISE APPEAR TO HAVE FAILED, RUSSELL REPORTED. UNDER TERMS OF COMPROMISE, EMBARGO WOULD HAVE BEEN LIFTED FOR ONE YEAR IF TURKEY WOULD AGREE TO REMOVE ITS TROOPS FROM FAMAGUSTA, CYPRUS, AND ALLOW ADMINISTRATION OF CITY TO BE UNDER U.N. AUSPICES, AND IF TALKS BETWEEN GREEK CYPRIOTS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS RESUMED IN 30 DAYS. RUSSELL SAID PRESIDENT CARTER TURNED DOWN COMPROMISE. "SOURCES SAID PRESIDENT, WHO WON IMPORTANT VICTORY LAST WEEK WHEN SENATE VOTED TO LIFT EMBARGO,

WANTED NO PRECONDITIONS SET FOR EMBARGO'S REPEAL," RUSSELL
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